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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Temperatures averaged near to slightly above normal during the week, with cool weather at the beginning and unseasonably hot during the last two days. Precipitation occurred as scattered showers, and ranged from practically none in the northwest to moderately heavy in much of the southeast. There was much sunshine, and several days were rather windy.

August was warm, with the average temperature ranging from slightly above normal in the west to considerably above in the east. Rainfall was light in the west and southeast, but was rather heavy over most of the northeast and very heavy over the Lower Platte Valley.

CROPS Hot, windy weather pushed corn and milo rapidly toward maturity. In places with short moisture reserves, ripening was too fast for proper filling and shrivelling is expected. The dry land corn crop in parts of central and southwestern districts and in the extreme northwest has been hit hard by drought, but the bulk of the corn in the main growing areas of the east remains promising with some sections expecting outstanding yields.

About 60 percent of the corn crop is in the dent stage or further advanced. This is well ahead of last year when 45 percent had reached that stage. The milo crop is turning fast, and some areas need a rain to help get a good quality crop.

Wheat seeding in the western areas is slow starting because of dry soil. About the only wheat seeded is in a few scattered areas getting showers in the last few weeks. The bulk of the wheat growers are waiting for rain before seeding. Only 5 percent of the acreage had been seeded by last week. Around 10 percent of the rye was seeded.

Bean harvest is underway in the North Platte Valley with good yields in prospect. Other irrigated crops are promising. Soybeans held their condition during the week. Dry, windy weather is forcing the crop some, but the most important growing areas have had adequate soil moisture.

Pastures and range feed in some western sections is dry and brittle. Danger of grass fire is mounting as dry weather continues. Some sections have not made a third cutting of alfalfa although favored areas in the east have started on the fourth cutting.

LIVESTOCK Livestock continue in good condition. Feeder cattle are beginning to move into feeding areas in larger numbers. Livestock have been gaining well in most sections of the State. However, short winter feed prospects and lack of stock water in some western areas is causing close culling in isolated spots. In general, the hay supply is considered adequate for the winter feeding season. Stocker and feeder cattle shipped into Nebraska during August totaled 69,000 head, the largest of record for the month and 66 percent above the 41,000 head received in August 1958. Lamb arrivals numbered 42,000 head, slightly below the 43,000 a year earlier.

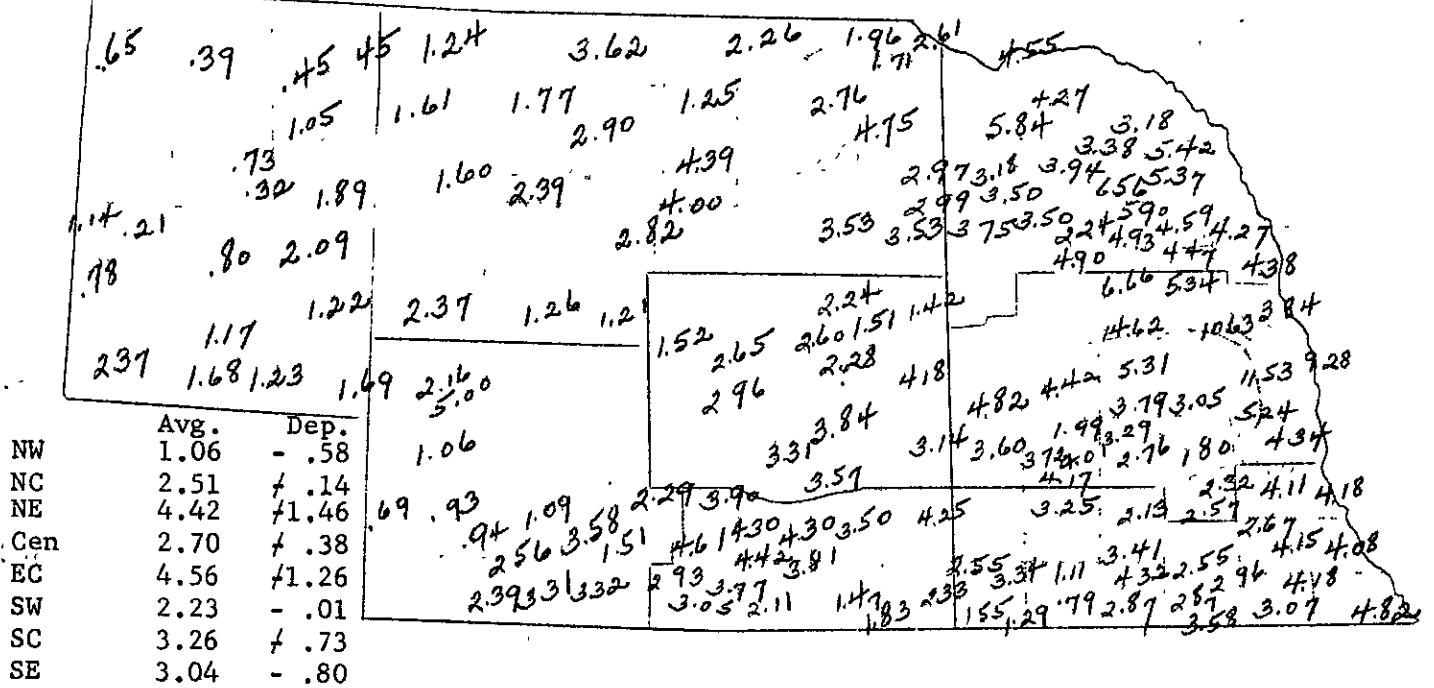
WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 7, 1959

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	.03	Burwell	.07	Chadron	.01
Lincoln	0	North Platte	0	Imperial	0
Norfolk	.25	Valentine	.04	Scottsbluff	0
Omaha	.07			Sidney	0
Sioux City	.01				

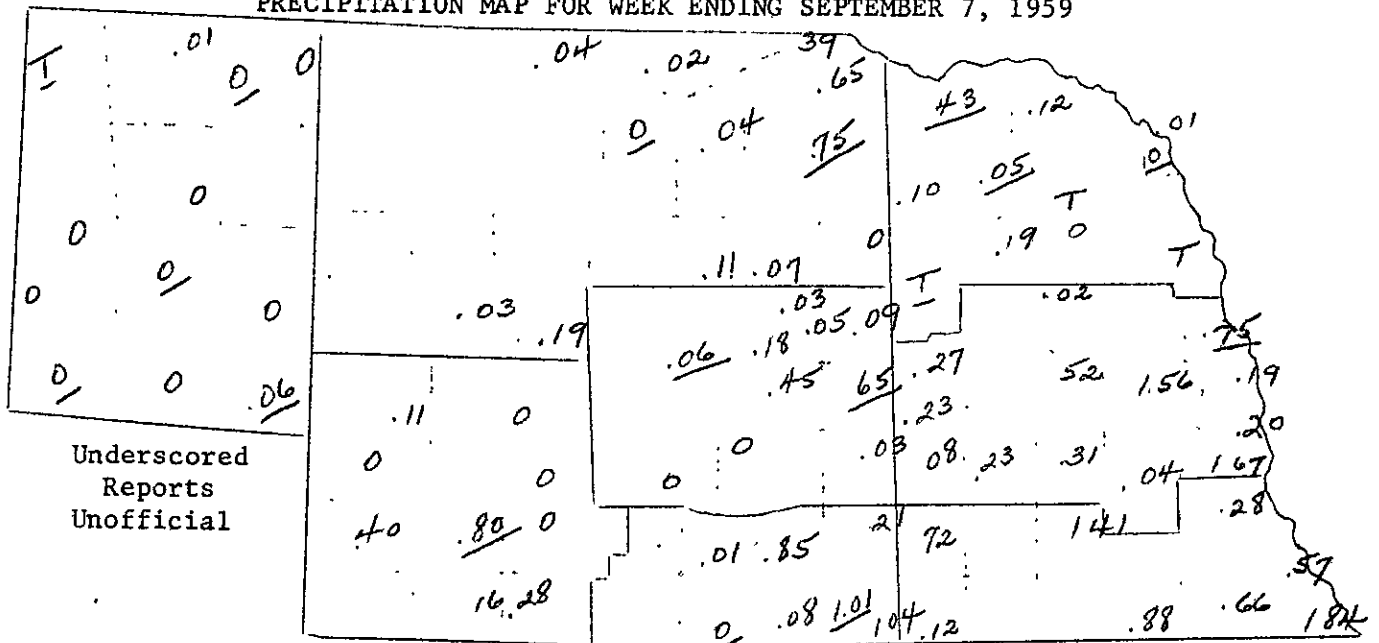
Precipitation, April 1 - September 4, 1959

	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	T	.15	.06	.10	.44	.12	.44	.84
Total since April 1	10.33	13.20	19.85	14.19	20.97	12.22	17.02	19.23
Long-time Avg. since April 1	11.45	13.68	16.19	14.78	17.12	13.08	15.16	18.72

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR MONTH OF AUGUST, 1959



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HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURE (Highs for 24 hours ending at 12.30 a.m., and lows for 12 hours ending at 6:30 a.m. CST)

		September													
		1st		2nd		3rd		4th		5th		6th		7th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	90	56	73	43	74	37	84	60	97	70	96	--	96	51
	Scottsbluff	89	55	77	45	73	45	83	53	94	53	92	54	93	54
	Sidney	87	55	77	45	76	47	79	59	96	57	95	52	99	58
NC	Burwell	--	60	--	45	73	40	83	58	--	67	92	63	104	60
	Valentine	80	60	75	39	75	37	80	62	94	68	96	58	96	53
NE	Norfolk	82	63	75	48	71	46	81	59	89	69	90	69	95	63
	Sioux City	80	61	77	49	77	47	82	59	88	68	88	73	93	68
Cen	Grand Island	84	63	83	47	70	48	83	62	90	69	95	70	97	68
EC	Lincoln	84	63	83	55	76	58	85	65	90	71	91	74	96	73
	Omaha	79	63	77	50	72	52	79	61	85	69	84	73	91	71
SW	Imperial	89	61	79	45	80	48	83	61	94	60	98	59	104	56
	North Platte	81	66	78	41	72	43	79	59	90	66	97	57	101	55

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